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Veterans Day

>>> THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY: NOVEMBER 11TH, 1918, THE DAY
WORLD WAR I ENDED. OVER THE YEARS, IT'S BECOME A DAY TO
HONOR VETERANS OF ALL AMERICA'S WARS.

48 MILLION HAVE SERVED, 25 MILLION ARE ALIVE TODAY.

ON NOVEMBER 11TH, 2004, PRESIDENT BUSH SPOKE AT THE
ANNUAL CEREMONY.

>> OUR VETERANS ARE DRAWN FROM SEVERAL GENERATIONS AND
MANY BACKGROUNDS.

THEY ARE AMERICANS WHO REMEMBER THE SWIFT CONFLICT OF
THE PERSIAN GULF WAR, AND A LONG COLD WAR VIGIL,
THE HEAT OF VIETNAM AND THE BITTER COLD OF KOREA.

THEY ARE VETERANS IN THEIR 80s WHO SERVED UNDER MACARTHUR
AND EISENHOWER AND SAVED THE LIBERTY OF THE WORLD.

AND STILL WITH US IN THE YEAR 2004 ARE A FEW DOZEN
AMERICANS WHO FOUGHT THE KAISER'S ARMY AND CELEBRATED
THE END OF THE GREAT WAR ON THIS DAY IN 1918.

IN AFGHANISTAN, THESE BRAVE AMERICANS HELPED SWEEP AWAY
A VICIOUS TYRANNY ALLIED WITH TERROR.

AND PREPARED THE WAY FOR A FREE PEOPLE TO ELECT ITS OWN
LEADERS.

IN IRAQ, OUR MEN AND WOMEN FOUGHT A RUTHLESS ENEMY OF
AMERICA, SETTING THE PEOPLE FREE FROM A TYRANT WHO NOW
SITS IN A PRISON CELL.

TODAY WE ALSO RECALL THE FACES AND VOICES OF FALLEN
COMRADES, THE FAMILIES OF THE LOST CARRY A BURDEN OF

GRIEF THAT TIME WILL LIGHTEN, BUT NEVER LIFT.

OUR WHOLE NATION HONORS EVERY PATRIOT WHO PLACED DUTY
AND COUNTRY BEFORE THEIR OWN LIVES.

AND ON THIS NATIONAL HOLIDAY, OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH
RESPECT AND GRATITUDE FOR THE VETERANS OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

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